National Park Service



Service Contract Act

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What is it?



Why is it important to us?



What is being done?











The SCA in a Nutshell

- An act that requires Federal contractors to pay service employees no less than the wage rates and fringe benefits found prevailing in the locality or, where existing, the rates contained in a predecessor contractor's collective bargaining agreement.
 - For greater detail, Google "Service Contract Act FAQs"











Historical Underpinnings

The Service Contract Act (SCA) provides exemptions for concessions contracts "principally for the furnishing of food, lodging, automobile fuel, souvenirs, newspaper stands, and recreational equipments to the general public"











Getting Into National Park Concessions

- Transportation workers at Denali brought a case to the Department of Labor in 2002 requesting a determination whether the Service Contract Act applies to the bus service operations in the park
- DOL issued an administrative determination in June 2006 stating that the SCA applies to the Denali concession contract











SCA Implementation Impacts

- Wage determinations made on a contract by contract basis
- May require concessioners to annually report labor statistics to NPS and/or DOL
- Will likely change labor costs for concessioners
- Prevailing wages, benefits, and overtime paid regardless of seasonality or part time employment status























